Leuphana University Lüneburg, Institute for Environmental Communication, research group Sustainable Development and Participation, is offering a post for a social scientist as

**Research Associate (Wissenschaftliche/r Mitarbeiter/in)**

within a project funded by the German Research foundation (DFG). The post will be available from 1 May 2009 on a half-time basis (salary group TV-L 13) for a duration of three years. The successful candidate will have the opportunity to complete a doctoral dissertation and to obtain a doctoral degree. The project **Environmental Consequences of Participatory Governance**

A comparative meta-analysis of case studies in environmental decision-making

analyses whether and how civil society participation in environmental governance leads to more ‘ecological’ and better implementable political and administrative decisions. Some 150 case studies of public environmental decision processes will be systematically compared in order to elucidate causal mechanisms at work across cases. To this end, the case survey method (case study meta-analysis) will be used. A detailed project description can be downloaded under www.leuphana.de/infutools/DFG_ECOPAG_Skizze.pdf.

You will be expected to contribute to all phases of the project. You will contribute to the conceptual integration of different theories of participatory governance, research and code case studies and analyse these with current quantitative (statistical) and qualitative (QCA, causal process tracing) methods. Moreover, you will contribute to the organisation of project workshops and to the publication of project results.

We offer:

- participation in a research project with resources for conference travels, professional training and the organisation of own workshops;
- a dynamic and interdisciplinary research environment in sustainability sciences and social sciences;
- sufficient freedom for your own research activities, an intensive supervision and the opportunity for a targeted completion of a doctoral degree;
- excellent contacts to international research groups.

We expect:

- an excellent university degree in political science, administrative science or another social science;
- interest in conceptual and empirical work;
- strong experience in quantitative and qualitative comparative methods of empirical social research;
- excellent English language skills and at least basic knowledge of German; other European language skills would be advantageous.

Please send your application (CV, certificates, a short scientific text in English written by yourself of no more than 15 pages, e.g. from master’s thesis or a publication) by **25 March 2009** to:

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21335 Lüneburg, Germany.

For any questions on the job advertisement please contact Prof. Dr. Jens Newig (newig@uni.leuphana.de).

Leuphana University is an equal opportunity employer and encourages applications by qualified women, and persons with disabilities.